

DISPATCH		S E C R E T		PROCESSING ACTION	
TO	E/EE	XXX	MARKED FOR INDEXING		
INFO.	COS/Germany; COB/Bonn; COB/Berlin		NO INDEXING REQUIRED		
FROM	C/Munich Liaison Base		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING		
SUBJECT	CATIDE UTILITY Succession and Related Matter		MICROFILM		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

1. One of the perennial sporting events in connection with MLB is trying to figure out when (if ever) UTILITY is going to retire. Not more than a week ago the COS sent an Intra-Station Memo in which he reported that the latest rumor on the Bonn circuit was that General Leo Hepp [] was to succeed UTILITY in April 1967. I replied that I thought he was on to something good and hoped he would keep us supplied with any details he could discover.

2. On the 20th of April I had a discussion with @WINTERSTEIN. I managed to crank the conversation around to the "missing generation" at CATIDE and eventually to the UTILITY retirement date. WINTERSTEIN said that this had all been taken care of by a request to UTILITY on the part of all the political parties in the parliament that he stay on the job. He had consented to do so for another two years. This jibes with what UTILITY said at a Christmas party here in 1965.

3. WINTERSTEIN continued to say that since @WAGNER the Vice President of CATIDE was obviously not going to be back on the job due to his poor health it seemed most likely that it would be @HOLM who would be carrying on

-continued-

DISTRIBUTION:
 2 - C/EE
 2 - COS/Germany
 2 - COB/Bonn
 2 - COB/Berlin

MICROFILMED
 MAY 2 1966
 DOC. MICRO. SER.

GROUP I
 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
 DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION

20 APR 1966

D-32W-2-28/1 CROSS REFERENCE TO B []	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER EGMA 68482	DATE 22 April 1966
	CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	HQS FILE NUMBER 32W-2-28/1

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 SOURCE: METHOD: EXEMPTION 3B2E
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
 DATE 2006

EGMA-68472

CONTINUATION OF DISPATCH	CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. EGMA 68482
-----------------------------	-------------------------------	---------------------------------------

after UTILITY left.

4. I said to WINTERSTEIN that I had heard some people raise the questions as to whether Bonn politicians would permit another military man to head CATIDE. He said that @HOLM or any other military officer could very easily transfer to the civil service, as had he himself, for instance. He tended to discount the idea of a politician (for example some Secretary of State who was at loose ends) being assigned the CATIDE job.

5. In turning to a discussion of Bonn WINTERSTEIN said that Minister Heinrich Krone, the Chairman of the Defense Council, was taking a greater interest in CATIDE. This did not mean that CATIDE was not answering to the Chancellor's office. It did mean CATIDE had a further powerful customer in addition to their standard ones, The Chancellor's Office, the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Defense. Contrary to other customers, Minister Krone has only one source of "his own" information: CATIDE. Therefore, this enhances CATIDE's position somewhat when Krone asks for and uses CATIDE estimates and information.

6. WINTERSTEIN said as Krone was fairly elderly he probably would not be holding his present position much more than a year. WINTERSTEIN then said Franz Josef Strauss would possibly take over the defense council post. This would put him in the Defense business again, but without a Ministry. There would, of course, be a number of ramifications for CATIDE if Strauss did take the Council chairmanship.

P. S. Just sat in on a three-cornered CATIDE discussion among @REICHLIN, @BERNHARDT and @Dr. FRANZ the Chief of Personnel. They spoke in quite a matter-of-fact way of difficulties of getting UTILITY to change proven ways and means and of his retention at his present post for another three years.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

FORM 5-60 53c (40)	USE PREVIOUS EDITION.	CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED	PAGE NO. 2
--------------------------	-----------------------	-------------------------------	------------------------------------	---------------